

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. The exhausted* regiment _____ down to a few troops.
2. Secret documents* listed the _____ to the large fortune.
3. Iris made a _____ attempt to ignore* their biting comments.
4. The _____ of waste materials has polluted* our rivers.
5. Charles blundered* off in the wrong direction without _____ my warning cries.
6. Lincoln tried in vain* to keep the North and South _____.
7. It did not take long before the unruly* crowd turned into a mob of howling _____.
8. The confirmed* bachelor* could not _____ having anyone touch a single utensil* in his home.
9. If the _____ does not end soon, I can predict* a famine.*
10. The population* rise will reach its _____ in a few years and then it will level off.
11. Lt. Jenkins lost every morsel* of self-respect and became a _____ to his flag.
12. The loyal* captain, _____ in defeat, won the sympathy* of the people.

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Antonyms (opposites). Circle the word that most nearly expresses the opposite meaning of the word printed in heavy black type.

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| <p>1. vandal</p> <p>a. repairer</p> <p>b. arsonist</p> <p>c. captive*</p> <p>d. adolescent*</p> <p>e. informer</p> | <p>5. majestic</p> <p>a. fertile*</p> <p>b. theatrical</p> <p>c. courteous</p> <p>d. harsh</p> <p>e. ordinary</p> | <p>9. traitor</p> <p>a. addict*</p> <p>b. amateur*</p> <p>c. bachelor*</p> <p>d. patriot*</p> <p>e. lunatic*</p> |
| <p>2. abide</p> <p>a. discard*</p> <p>b. dispute*</p> <p>c. deprive*</p> <p>d. provide</p> <p>e. summon</p> | <p>6. drought</p> <p>a. ambush*</p> <p>b. flood</p> <p>c. hardship*</p> <p>d. earthquake</p> <p>e. windstorm</p> | <p>10. heed</p> <p>a. abuse*</p> <p>b. ignore*</p> <p>c. hinder*</p> <p>d. discard*</p> <p>e. vaccinate*</p> |
| <p>3. summit</p> <p>a. tempest*</p> <p>b. beneficiary</p> <p>c. duplicate*</p> <p>d. base</p> <p>e. finance*</p> | <p>7. unify</p> <p>a. separate</p> <p>b. redeem*</p> <p>c. abuse*</p> <p>d. confine*</p> <p>e. compress</p> | <p>11. heir</p> <p>a. evil sinner</p> <p>b. accurate reporter</p> <p>c. double dealer</p> <p>d. fair judge</p> <p>e. disinherited son</p> |
| <p>4. surplus</p> <p>a. scarceness*</p> <p>b. harmony*</p> <p>c. hindrance</p> <p>d. assistance</p> <p>e. rejection</p> | <p>8. deliberate</p> <p>a. unintentional</p> <p>b. subsequent*</p> <p>c. reassuring</p> <p>d. comprehensive*</p> <p>e. ingenious*</p> | <p>12. dwindle</p> <p>a. ignore*</p> <p>b. illustrate*</p> <p>c. arrest</p> <p>d. mumble</p> <p>e. increase</p> |

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Spotlight on: **drought**—Yes, the *gh* is silent as in “might” and several other English words. Why? Well, *drought* was an old English word with the *gh* sound pronounced. When the French invaded and conquered England, they brought (there it is again) their language and it had no *gh* sound in it. Eventually their influence was so great that English words containing *gh* took on French pronunciation.